

MEDIEVAL TABLOID PROJECT

FINAL PROJECT DUE:

Now that you have read your designated tale from “The Canterbury Tales,” you need to ‘rewrite’ the story told in the tale in the form of a newspaper article. Remember, the information should be as accurate as possible; including the who, what, where, why, when, and how. It can be exaggerated a little, but should be as near to the truth of the story as possible (because tabloids do exaggerate).

General Requirement – Everything that is in your tabloid/newspaper has to be based upon Medieval Times. You should use page numbers and headlines.

Specific Requirements: a. Individual Articles

b. Advice Column (letters to someone – make up a person – that are asking advice about something in their life – maybe think of the tales and utilize ideas from that (such as The Miller’s Tale - my wife is cheating on me with a student that is living with us).

c. Gossip Column (exaggerated information about a celebrity that would be popular during Medieval Times; for example, King Edward III was seen falling out of his horse carriage after a long night at the pub).

d. Advertising (be sure the item that is advertised comes from Medieval Times – you can not advertise for an iPod or cell phone – think seamstress, wheel repair, blacksmith).

Extras: You should definitely have additional items in your newspaper/tabloid such as a sports section or articles, horoscope, currents (like marriages or births), police reports possibly, school pages, personal ads, classifieds, etc.

Scoring/Schedule: You will be graded on several different steps:

1. Original due date of article (Pass or Fail)
2. Copies of each item you are contributing (Pass or Fail)
3. Participation during class time (+, /, -, 0 for each day)
4. Final Grade – this includes my overall evaluation of your project, your partners’ rating of you (with explanation of course), and your average participation grade (therefore, you can amend your +, /, -, 0 for each day, by having a high average of participation)

WE WILL BE TYPING AND PUTTING THIS TOGETHER THE ENTIRE WEEK OF

Final Grade:

Organization of Paper: 10 = Your paper is laid out in a well organized manner; Headlines and articles are balanced and basically “look right.” If you have pictures in your paper, they have a caption, etc.

Requirements: 10 = Your paper has met the General Requirements and all of the Specific Requirements are done to the best of your ability.

Participation: Will be the average score of your participation – if you have all plusses you will get a 10.

Creativity: 10 = You used an exceptional level of extra items that were done in an excellent manner; You used the specific requirements in a creative writing manner and to an exceptional level.

Partners’ Rating: Based on a scale from 1 – 10. No matter what the rating, an explanation must be given.